

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-17-05

Issued at: Kodiak,
Friday, July 1, 2005

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 2, 2005

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., December 31,
2005, unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the daily bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length in the Chignik River drainage from 3 daily and in possession, only 2 of which may be over 28" in length, to 5 per day and 5 in possession, any size. In addition, the king salmon spawning season closure has been removed from the Chignik River drainage and the drainage will be open to king salmon fishing for the remainder of the year.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 65.010 (b): and 5AAC 65.020 (a)(1) are superceded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective:

65.010. FISHING SEASONS FOR ALASKA PENINSULA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA.

(b) King salmon may be taken in fresh waters only from January 1 through July 25, except that king salmon may be taken in the Chignik River from January 1 to December 31.

65.020 BAG LIMITS, POSSESSION LIMITS, AND SIZE LIMITS FOR ALASKA PENINSULA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA.

(a)(1) 3 per day, 3 in possession, only 2 daily and in possession 28 inches or more in length; 5 fish annual limit; except in the Chignik River drainage, 5 per day, 5 in possession, any size.

McKie Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Leonard Schwarz
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The biological escapement goal for king salmon in the Chignik River drainage is 1,300 to 2,700 spawning fish. As of June 29, the return is estimated to be 8% complete and the weir count is 909 king salmon. Using historic run timing data, it is possible to project an end-of-the-season king salmon weir count in excess of 7,000 fish, well above the upper end of the spawning goal range. Additional sport fishing harvest opportunity is warranted and the daily bag and possession limit for the Chignik River drainage is being increased to 5 per day and in possession and the spawning season closure is being removed.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region II Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.